(b) As a result of the efforts of the Government, it has been possible to contain the rise in prices of most of the essential commodities during the last three months. A statement showing percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) during February, 1990 over November, 1989 is given in statement enclosed (*See* below)

Statement

Percentage variation in the wholesale price indices (WPI) of selected commodities during February, 1990 over November, 1989

Commodity	Wholesale Price Index
Rice	−4·4
Wheat	−4·4
Jowar	−8·5
Bajra	+7·4
Gram	−13·9
Arhar	−1·7
Moong	−0·6
Masoor	−9·8
Urad	−5·5
Potatoes	−32·9
Onions	−51·0
Milk	−3·5
Fish	−2·7
Mutton	+1·4
Chillies (Dry)	−19·3
Tea	+3·6
Atta	−1·4
Sugar	−3·4
Gur	−14·4
Salt	+2·5
Vanaspati	−4·2
Mustard Oil	+1·0
Coconut Oil	+5·7
Groundnut Oil	+4·4
Gingelly Oil	+23·9

SOURCE: Office of Economic Advise Ministry of Industry.

Setting up of Rail Yatri Niwas in U.P.

453. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the locations of the Rail Yatri Niwas proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): It has been decided to set up a 20 bedded Rail Yatri Niwas at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.

Issue of ration cards to Jhonpri and slum dwellers in Delhi

454. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to issue ration cards to all the jhonpri and slum dwellers in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the number of cards issued, so far?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) (a) and (b). Temporary ration cards were being issued by Delhi Administration to jhuggi jhonpri dwellers in accordance with decisions taken by it from time to time. Such rabion dwellers were last issued temporary cards in 1986. Recently, a decision was taken to issue ration cards to inhabitants of identifiable jhuggi jhonpri clusters. Till 8-3-90 over 70,000 cards have been issued to such persons.

Decline in employment on organised private sector

455. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that total employment in the